



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date set forth below as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Signature and Deposit: 7/25/05

[Signature]
Attorney of Record

IFW
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Edward J. Gillette
Serial No.: 10/765,373
Filed: January 27, 2004
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CASE HARDENING
A WORK PIECE
Art Unit: 3742
Docket: 180022.00002

STATUS LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On January 27, 2004 we transmitted the above-identified application to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and received a filing date of January 27, 2004.

As we have not yet received an Action on this application, we are hereby inquiring as to its status.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/25/05

By: [Signature]

Daniel G. Radler
Registration No. 43,028
Quarles and Brady LLP
411 East Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 277-5749